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Dear Professor Wang,

Thank you for your invitation to continue our collaboration in phylogenetic research in general and tree searching and mining in particular. Our previous work on searching in trees has resulted in search algorithms in use for Treebase as well as algorithms to compare unordered trees. My current main focus of research is experimental design and visualization for biology, so our research interests continue to complement one another.

What I appreciate particularly in this proposal is the close collaboration you will enjoy with practicing phylogeny-oriented biologists. This feedback will add greatly to the usefulness of your results.

Warm Regards,

Dennis Shasha